

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA

J. ANDREW SMYSER
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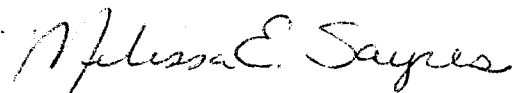
Re: Norwood v. Romine; 1:CV-01-1005

Mr. Norwood:

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MARY E. D'ANDREA, CLERK
Per Deputy Clerk

Magistrate Judge Smyser is in receipt of your letter to the Clerk of Court dated May 6, 2004 and filed on May 11, 2004. In your letter you state that almost two months ago you filed a motion for leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis and that you requested that the court order that the trial transcript be transcribed at the government's expense. You ask whether the Clerk has received your motion. According to the docket, the Clerk did receive your motion on February 20, 2004. I note, however, that pursuant to Third Circuit Local Appellate Rule 24.1, your request to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal should be directed to the Third Circuit.

Sincerely,



Melissa E. Sayres
Law Clerk to Magistrate
Judge Smyser

cc: Joseph Terz, Esquire
Marcia M. Waldron, Esquire (Clerk of United States Court of Appeals for the Third Circuit)